

Utah Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission
Rio Grande Board Room
Wednesday, December 2, 2015

MLK Attendees: Adrienne Andrews, Dr. Forrest Crawford, Luis Garza, Dr. Rob Harter, Nkoyo Iyamba, Carla Kelley, Jasen Lee, Beth Martial, Claudia Nakano, Ed Napia, Shawn Newell, Lavinia Taumoepeau-Latu

Excused: Dr. Karen Johnson, Robert Rendon

Guests: Rozanna Benally-Sagg, Geoffrey Fattah, Julie Fisher, Tenisha Hicks, Jenny Hor

Welcome – Dr. Rob Harter

Dr. Rob Harter welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Jasen Lee motioned to approve the minutes from November 4, 2015. Adrienne Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Program Subcommittee – Adrienne Andrews & Beth Martial

An update was provided on the number of students and educators expected to attend. Approximately 150 students and 12 educators confirmed their attendance.

The confirmed schools include:

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| • Horizonte Instruction & Training Center | • Sunset Junior High School |
| • West Lake Junior High School | • Syracuse Junior High School |
| • North Davis Junior High School | • Syracuse High School |
| • North Layton Junior High School | |

Adrienne Andrews and Beth Martial stated the program was set with the exception of the cultural reverence. The commission has been unable to receive a response from Lacey Harris. Dr. Rob Harter will confirm with a representative from Congregation Kol Ami and Corey Hodges to serve as backups for the cultural reverence and keynote speaker, respectively. Additionally, Nkoyo Iyamba will emcee the event. Commission members were asked to arrive at the State Capitol by 9:00 AM.

The following individuals and groups have been confirmed to speak or perform:

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| • Kenshin Taiko – performers | • Rep. Sandra Hollins – featured speaker |
| • Burundi Drummers – performers | • Tierra Yancey – youth speaker |
| • Rev. Brandee Jasmine Mimitzraiem – keynote speaker | |

Commission members viewed the artwork to be given to inaugural members. The piece was created by a Salt Lake Community College student. Rozanna Benally-Sagg will order frames for the artwork and the sticky notes to be used for the call to action activity.

Claudia Nakano requested that a run of show be submitted to the Governor's Office as soon as possible. Dr. Harter offered to send the information in addition to a list of VIPs. Julie Fisher emailed Ric Cantrell asking him to send invitations to members of the Utah State Senate. She has not reached out to the Utah House of Representatives but stated she will do so.

For the call to action, commission members discussed handing out sticky notes after the keynote address when Beth addresses the crowd and provides instructions. Adrienne suggested asking attendees to write down what they are willing to commit to in regards to justice. The call to action will happen towards the end of the program. Commission members also discussed placing sticky notes on white boards. Due to the uncertainty of the availability of white boards, another suggestion was made to place sticky notes on butcher paper.

Carla Kelley and Luis Garza secured ten volunteers between the two of them. Beth would like volunteers to pass out MLK bookmarks she received from UServeUtah in addition to sticky notes and pens. Volunteers were asked to arrive at 9:00 AM for a debriefing.

Fundraising Subcommittee – Dr. Rob Harter

The commission has raised over \$6,000. Dr. Harter thanked commission members for their efforts.

Beth suggested having cards available at the next meeting to thank sponsors. Dr. Harter also wanted to thank sponsors during the beginning of the program. He wanted commission members to let him know if organizations sponsoring the event were listed incorrectly to allow for appropriate changes to be made. Ed Napia offered to bring cards with Native artwork and asked the commission to provide the thank you message for the inserts.

Remaining funds from the event can be used to fund future programs such as the King Conversation Series. The Department of Heritage and Arts finance director Jill Flygare intends to submit a request to the legislature for a small amount of funding designated for the commission during the next legislative session.

Archives Subcommittee – Dr. Forrest Crawford

Dr. Crawford met with the Utah Historical Society to find ways to set up displays of archived documents. One of the archived items includes the street signage prototype of Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard. On the back of the prototype is the signatures of the original members of the commission and Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini.

The public is able to visit Utah State Archives and research documents on the commission. Dr. Crawford would like this information to be known at the event. Additionally, he asked former members to commit their documents to State Archives as well.

Media Subcommittee – Nkoyo Iyamba & Jasen Lee

Some commission members agreed to be guests on Nkoyo's radio show *Cultural Connections* to discuss the 25th anniversary. Commission members were asked to write down their availability for media interviews. Nkoyo and Jasen expect a fair amount of media coverage on the day of the event as Governor Gary Herbert will be speaking. Depending on what each media personnel wants, commission members may be asked to do some interviews on the day of the event.

Commission members also discussed creating a hashtag to engage youth. They agreed upon using #MLKUtah and #MLK25.

Other Business – Commission Discussion

Commission members asked to receive by email the invitations being sent to community members. They also wanted each commission member to continue to invite individuals within their networks. Dr. Crawford was in charge of inviting inaugural members.

Claudia reminded the commission that meetings are open to the public and members of the media are welcomed to attend.

Adjourn

MOTION: Adrienne Andrews motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jasen Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Action Items

The next MLK meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2016 from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. in the Rio Grande Board Room.

Upcoming Meetings (first Wednesdays of every month in the Rio Board Room):

February 3

March 2

April 6

May 4

June 1

July 6

August 3

September 7

October 5

November 2

December 7